

products have also been put up by the oil companies at Kandla. During last three years 26 new schemes costing about Rs.2086 crores have been sanctioned for providing port facilities at Major Ports. These facilities, when commissioned during 9th Plan period, will yield an additional capacity of around 40 million tonnes.

(b) During 8th Five-Year Plan, an outlay of Rs.3216 crores has been provided for development in Port Sector. As against this, around Rs. 1369 crores have already been utilised so far.

(c) The modernisation of port facilities includes the modern container terminals developed at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Madras, Cochin and Calcutta Ports, modern bulk handling facilities for handling fertilizers provided at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, modern oil handling facilities developed at New Mangalore and Mumbai Ports, replacement of old submarine pipelines undertaken at Mumbai, new oil jetties taken up for construction at Kandla and Visakhapatnam, state of the art mechanised coal handling facilities under implementation at Paradip, a brand new Major Port for handling mechanised coal handling facilities under implementation at Ennore near Madras, modern general cargo berths completed at Paradip and Visakhapatnam and new cargo handling cranes with current technology being provided at the ports of Madras and Kandla. Further introduction of modern vessel traffic management system (VTMS) is in progress at the ports of Mumbai and Calcutta. Modern facilitations system are also being increasingly introduced in Major Ports. Efforts are already on towards introduction of electronic data interchange (EDI) in the Port Sector.

Economic Reforms

307 SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the India Development Forum has recently cautioned India against slowing down economic reforms

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto, and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Participants of the India Development Forum meeting held in June 1995 indicated their strong appreciation for the progress made by India with its reform programme but also noted the unfinished reform agenda that lies ahead.

(c) and (d) Suggestions made by different groups and individuals are kept in view by the Government while formulating appropriate economic policies.

[Translation]

Bridges over National Highways

308. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the name of bridges built over the National Highways, State-wise, during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government have given high priority for completion of incomplete bridge projects in various States during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) if so, the achievements made in this regard during the said period, State-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) State-wise details are enclosed in statement-I.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) State-wise details are enclosed in Statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

S.No	State	No of bridge works completed
1	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3	Assam	11
4	Bihar	0
5	Delhi	0
6	Goa	0
7	Gujarat	16
8	Haryana	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0
10	J & K	0
11	Karnataka	0
12	Kerala	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	0
14	Maharashtra	11
15	Manipur	0
16	Meghalaya	1
17	Nagaland	0
18	Orissa	1
19	Punjab	1
20	Rajasthan	7
21	Tamil Nadu	8
22	Uttar Pradesh	2
23	West Bengal	2
Total		62